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SUPREME COURT NAMES HILLSBORO ATTORNEY TO FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

The Supreme Court of Illinois announced Tuesday the appointment of attorney Douglas L. Jarman as Circuit Judge at Large of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge John Coady on October 3, 2009.

Mr. Jarman, 51, is currently engaged in the general practice of law as a solo practitioner in Hillsboro, Illinois. Over the course of his career, Mr. Jarman has practiced in nearly every area of civil law. He has also served as the attorney for numerous local governmental entities, including the City of Hillsboro and the Villages of Panama and Irving. He is also a veteran of the United States Army, where he served in the White House Communications Agency.

Mr. Jarman is a graduate of Triopia High School, Concord, Illinois; Eastern Illinois University; and received his *juris doctor* from Southern Illinois University of Law in 1985.

He was admitted to practice law in Illinois in 1985. He is also licensed to practice in the Supreme Court, State of Illinois and the United States District Court, Central District of Illinois .

Mr. Jarman was chosen in an application process that included review by a seven-member screening committee appointed by Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier, who recommended Mr. Jarman to the Court.

“This is humbling news,” said Mr. Jarman. “I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to Justice Karmeier and the Supreme Court. I am very honored, and I do appreciate the work that the appointment committee did.”

Justice Karmeier sought applications for the judicial vacancy through notices posted at each of the courthouses in the 4th Judicial Circuit and distributed to local bar associations. Each applicant was interviewed and their credentials reviewed by members of the screening

committee before forming a short list of recommended candidates to be interviewed by Justice Karmeier.

The screening committee members were: Chairman, John Hudspeth, Clinton County State's Attorney; Allen Bennett, former State's Attorney of Moultrie County and current owner of Bennett Law Offices in Shelbyville; Richard Cary, partner with Wham & Wham in Centralia; Louis "Skip" DePaepe, sole owner and practioner in the DePaepe Law Office in Taylorville; Gary Milone, partner with Coble & Milone in Flora; Kevin Parker, Jasper County State's Attorney and Martin Siemer, partner with the Resch Siemer Law Office in Effingham and Casey.

Mr. Jarman's appointtment to the bench will be effective October 19, 2009 and will terminate when the position is filled by the general election of 2010.

"I'm going to be very busy wrapping up a few things, and that makes me think of all the clients and friendships I've established over the last 25 years," Mr. Jarman said. "It's bittersweet to have to leave that, and my staff; but I'm anxious to get started in my job for the people of the state of Illinois.

The Fourth Judicial Circuit is comprised of nine counties: Christian, Clay, Clinton, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Marion, Montgomery and Shelby

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